Rural District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 74,865 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 5,328.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,623.

The Rateable Value is £17,714, which produces a Penny Rate, £75 : 8 : 3 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		92	44	48	17.27
Live Births	Legitimate	84	39	45	
	Illegitimate	8	5	3	
Still Births	Legitimate	1	0	0	10.75 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		71	31	40	13.33 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	3	32.61
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	3	35.71
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	0	0

No deaths occured from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occured from other Puerperal Disease.

Causes of Death were :—

Heart Disease	30	Road Traffic Accident	2
Cancer	10	Other Digestive Disease	1
Intracranial Vuscular Disease	9	Other Violent Causes	1
Bronchitis	5	Suicide	1
Pneumonia	3	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1
Premature Birth	3	All Other Causes	5
Acute & Chronic Nephritis	2		

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Percentage number of children per mid 1946 child population, immunised by 31st Dec., 1946

Age Group 0 to 4 (inclusive) 55 %
Age Group 5 to 14 (inclusive) 90 %

Water Supplies.

These on the whole have been satisfactory throughout the year although Sinnington is still short of pressure during the peak drawing periods, and inconvenience is caused to occupants of houses in the higher parts of the Village. Newton-on-Rawcliffe still awaits a permanent scheme, but the temporary Pumping Plant in use at the present time has done good service and the Village would have been in a sorry plight without it. There have been occasional mechanical breakdowns to other supplies but the yields from the Springs have been good. Frequent bacteriological examinations have been made and found satisfactory. Most of dwelling-houses are supplied from public water mains direct to houses but there are a number of stand pipes.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No new schemes have been installed in any of the Parishes during the year. Several Parishes have had plans drawn up for new schemes approved by Council and now awaiting the Ministry's approval.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is atabular statement of the number of visits paid during the year:

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	153
" " " Housing Acts	208
" " " Milks & Dairies, Order	192
" " to works in progress	247
" " to Shops	28
Drainage Systems renewed or improved	18
Drains inspected and tested	20
" " " found satisfactory	18
" " " found defective	2

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts.

Camping Sites.

No Licenses have been granted for Camping Sites and there has been no attempt to set up Camps, apart from week-end Hikers and Boy Scouts.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in the Area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no Public Swimming Baths or Pools in the District.

Meat and Other Foods.

All general slaughtering is carried out at a Central Abbatoir outside the District. Regular visits are paid to the Shops and any quantity of meat condemned is returned to the Ministry of Foods Central Abbatoir for Salvage Purposes.

Housing Survey.

The Rural Housing Survey still continues. In view of the National Housing Drive and the need to conserve the bulk of labour and materials for the building of new Houses, I am serving notices only in cases where the repairs are of an urgent nature.

Eradiction of Bed Bugs.

There have been no cases of Bug infestation. A few cases of flea infestations have been discovered and dealt with.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence & control over infectious & other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1946.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery ...	1	none	none
Measles ...	46	none	none
Smallpox ...	none	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	none	none	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Parotyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none	none	none
Pneumonia ...	none	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	4	none	none

Cancer.

10 deaths occured from Cancer during the year, 5 being Males and 5 Females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Mortality during 1946 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ..								
25 ...								
35 ...				1				
45 ...								
55 ...								
65 & upwards								
Totals...				1				

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
D. L. FLETCHER,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District